

2010 FESTIVALS AND EVENTS CALENDAR



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May	The Big Read 4th Annual <i>Various Locations</i>	The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, encourages reading and increasing literary enjoyment. The DC program is produced in partnership with the Humanities Council of Greater Washington, with free events around DC. www.neabigread.org	 
	Passport DC <i>Various Locations</i> May 1-31	Cultural Tourism DC presents Passport DC, a month-long celebration of DC's international culture offering open houses and cultural programming at Washington's embassies and international centers. www.culturaltourismdc.org	
	GI Film Festival May 11-16	The first film festival in the nation to exclusively celebrate the success and sacrifices of the American military through the medium of film. www.Gifilmfestival.com	
	National Asian Heritage Festival – Fiesta Asia 2010 May 22	Asia Heritage Foundation's Signature Celebration – the Fiesta Asia Street Fair takes place on Pennsylvania Avenue NW, between 3rd & 6th Streets. Fiesta Asia Street Fair happenings include outdoor craft exhibits, live performances, food and open market vendors, interactive displays, martial arts demonstration, talent show, cooking demo, flash mob dancing and many more! www.asiaheritagefoundation.org	
June	CINE Golden Eagle Film & Video Jun 1-3	This Annual Awards Gala acknowledges high quality production in a variety of content categories for professional, independent and student filmmakers. www.cine.org	
	Euro-Asia Shorts Film Festival Jun 1-6	Comparing cultures and themes by showcasing short films from Europe, Asia and the U.S., followed by moderated panel discussions. www.euroasiashorts.com	
	DC Jazz Festival <i>Various Locations</i> Jun. 1 - 13	The DC Jazz Festival is the largest and most diverse music festival in Washington, DC. Held each year during the first two weeks of June, the Festival celebrates musical styles including Bebop, Blues, Swing, Soul, Latin, and World Music. The DCJF also offers year round educational and community based programming that serves more than 5,000 DC Public and Charter School Students. www.dejazzfest.org	
	2010 Student Art Exhibition <i>Historical Society of Washington, DC</i> Jun. 4	DC Public School and DC Public Charter School student artwork will be on display at a citywide art exhibition at the Historical Society of Washington, DC. The top ten works of this selective show will be purchased by DCCA as new additions to the Art Bank collection. www.wpadc.org	
	The WPA Art Parade <i>Various Locations</i> Jun. 5	The Washington Project for the Arts Parade is an extravaganza of artists connecting with the community to create a moving visual spectacle of art and culture in Southeast Washington, DC. www.wpadc.org	
	The VSA International Arts Festival <i>Various Locations</i> Jun. 6 - 12	The VSA International Arts Festival brings together artists, educators, researchers, and policy makers with disabilities from around the world for a multicultural celebration of the arts. www.vsarts.org	
	Source Festival 2010 <i>Various Locations</i> Jun. 12 – Jul. 3	The Festival plays alchemist by joining the forces of rising talents and established Washington artists to present more than 25 new works. Driven by creativity, collaboration and invention, the dynamic connections made here launch the careers of Washington's next generation of theatre artists. www.sourcedc.org	

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July	Hip-Hop Theater Festival 9th Annual <i>Various Locations</i>	The Festival encourages the manifestation of Hip-Hop Theater as a respected genre by commissioning new work and bringing a new and younger audience to the theater to ensure the future of live theatrical performance. The Festival serves 10,000 local, national, and international artists, the DC residents crossing perceived barriers of race, class, age, and gender. Performances are free and open to the public. www.hhtf.org	
	Capital Fringe Festival <i>Various Location</i> Jul. 8 - 25	Capital Fringe provides opportunities for artists to self-produce while exposing their work to a variety of patrons and media outlets. Part of the Fringe movement that began in Scotland in 1947, Capital Fringe continues today in DC along with a host of counterparts around the world. www.capitalfringe.org	
	Salvadoran Dance Festival (La Encuentra Nacional de Danza Festival) <i>Tivoli Teatro</i> Jul. 9 - 11	El Teatro de Danza Contemporanea de El Salvador brings El Salvador's most outstanding dance talent to the United States. This monumental dance program will be the first time ever El Salvador's greatest artistic dance leaders convene in the United States. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity! www.teatrodedanza.org	
August	MetroPerforms! Art Unplugged <i>Various Locations</i>	In partnership with the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority, this program showcases a rich and diverse group of performers who represent the region's cultural diversity and enhances the commuting experience for Metro transit riders. The program serves the people who use our Metro system daily and those pedestrians surrounding the location. Performances are free and open to the public. www.dcarts.dc.gov	
	Dance DC Festival 7th Annual <i>Various Locations</i> Aug. 20 - 22	The annual Dance DC Festival is a three-day event that highlights local D.C. artists and ensembles performing live folk and traditional music and dance with a series of free family friendly performances, workshops and educational opportunities. www.dancedcfestival.org	
September	Latino Festival of DC <i>Adams Morgan</i>	This large-scale, family-friendly Latino Festival exposes the entire DC community, regardless of ethnicity to Latino culture through music, dance, visual art and food. This festival is free and open to the public. www.fiestadc.org	
	Bootleg Film Festival <i>The Lincoln Theatre</i>	Exploring mixtapes, film and Hip Hop's underground economy. www.bootlegfestdc.com	
	Arts on Foot <i>F St. NW in Penn Quarter</i>	Arts on Foot kicks off the fall arts season in Penn Quarter with a celebration of visual art, music, theatre, dance, film, and that the whole family will enjoy. With a lively outdoor street festival as its centerpiece, Arts on Foot invites guests to explore the neighborhood's museums, theaters, galleries, cultural organizations, and shops. www.downtowndc.org/visit/go/arts-on-foot	
	American Masterpieces <i>Location: TBA</i>	An initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, American Masterpieces gives DCCA the opportunity to expose Washingtonians to their cultural and artistic legacy. These free programs serve both professionals and amateurs in the specific field of choice. www.dcarts.dc.gov	
	DC Blues Festival <i>Carter-Barron Amphitheatre</i> Sep. 4	The annual D.C. Blues Festival at Carter-Barron Amphitheatre, presenting 6-7 bands and 4-5 workshops and related activities. www.dcblues.org	
	Open House Arts Festival <i>Kennedy Center</i> Sep. 11	The Open House Arts Festival is a day of numerous free performances available to all. Boulevard entertainers from around the world as well as local artists perform at this all-day event at the Kennedy Center in conjunction with the French-American Cultural Foundation. www.kennedy-center.org	
	DC Shorts Film Festival <i>Landmark's E Street Cinema and US Navy Memorial</i> Sep. 13 - 17	The 7th annual DC Shorts Film Festival is one of the leading film festivals in the country. Over 100 short films from dozens of nations compete for prizes and audience accolades in an event that attracts over 5,000 participants. www.dc.film.org	
	All Roads Film Festival Sep. 28 - Oct. 3	An international platform for indigenous and underrepresented minority-culture artists to share their cultures, stories and perspectives in order to promote knowledge and understanding. www.dcfilm.org/allroads	
	ThrillSpy International Thriller & Spy Film Festival Sep. 30-Oct. 3	Bringing together new filmmakers with veterans and fans who appreciate the thrilling side of films. www.thrillspy.org	

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October	Arabian Sights Film Festival	Offering the newest and most provocative films from the Arab world today. Presented by the Washington, DC International Film Festival. Guest directors, special events and awards are offered. www.filmfestdc.org/arabiansights	
	Artomatic <i>Location: TBA</i>	Artomatic is a trademark, one-of-a-kind multimedia arts event produced in vacant buildings in D.C. The annual event transforms an unfinished indoor space into an exciting and diverse arts event. In addition to displays by hundreds of artists, the event features free films, educational presentations and children's activities, as well as musical, dance, poetry, theater and other performances. The event serves 76,000 visitors and 1,685 participating artists. www.artomatic.org	
	DC Labor Film Festival	Featuring films about work and workers from around the world. www.dclabor.org	
	Georgetown Independent Film Festival	A low key, mob-style festival with an emphasis on narrative films. www.georgetownfilmfest.com	
	Fall Festival of Indian Arts <i>Location: TBD</i>	Dakshina will organize a Festival of Indian Performing Arts by bringing in three Indian dance companies to celebrate the diversity of dance in Washington, DC. www.dakshina.org	
	Festival of the Building Arts <i>The National Building Museum</i>	The annual Festival of the Building Arts attracts 5,000 visitors of all ages to the National Building Museum for free demonstrations and displays of contemporary and traditional building arts. www.nbm.org	
	Reel Affirmations <i>Various Locations</i>	Reel Affirmations is a 10-day film festival showcasing the work of LGBT filmmakers from around the globe, including panels and seminars. The festival has grown to include Pride Film Festival and a grant program to support LGBT filmmakers. www.oneintn.org	
	VelocityDC Dance Festival <i>Sidney Harman Center</i> Oct. 2-3	The Festival is a new annual event produced by a consortium of leading arts organizations in the DC region, including the Washington Performing Arts Society, the Shakespeare Theatre Company and Dance/MetroDC with major artistic partners The Washington Ballet and CityDance Ensemble and project partners Shugoll Research and Accolade Arts. www.velocitydc.org	
	DC Asian Pacific American Film Festival Oct. 7-16	Bringing attention to the creative output from Asian Pacific American communities, while encouraging the artistic development of APA films in the region www.apafilm.org	
	Kids Euro Fest <i>Location: TBD</i> Oct. 15-Nov.10	Europe comes to DC with a four week long arts festival starring the best European entertainers in more than 100 free performances around the city--no passport required. Designed for children, this festival is offered through the cooperation of the 27 EU embassies and over a dozen cultural institutions. www.kidseurofestival.org	
November	FotoWeek DC <i>Various Locations</i> Nov. 6-13	Now in its third year, FotoWeekDC's exhibitions, juried competitions, and lectures introduce the DC community to global issues and encourage positive social change. In 2009, FotoWeekDC attracted over 20,000 visitors to DC. www.fotoweekdc.org	
	Indian Visions	Featuring the best of Indian Cinema, encompassing filmmakers from around the world, from established directors to promising newcomers. www.indianvisions.org	
December	Capital Irish Film Festival	Featuring a diverse range of Irish directors working in cinema today. www.irishfilmdc.org	
	Washington Jewish Film Festival	Presenting new and award-winning films from around the world representing the great diversity of Jewish experiences with an emphasis on stories and debunking stereotypes. www.wjff.org	
	The Nutcracker – Washington Ballet <i>Warner Theatre</i>	The Washington Ballet's interpretation of this seasonal favorite serves underserved communities and young ballet students therein who get the opportunity to dance with company members as part of the actual performance. www.washingtonballet.org	
	Fuego Flamenco Festival <i>Various Location</i>	GALA's fifth annual Fuego Flamenco Festival is a sizzling three-week exploration of the diversity and depth of flamenco—the passionate and time-honored Spanish art form that has captivated audiences world wide." www.galatheatre.org	